

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0135

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 30, 2013

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A ROAD MAP TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ASPIRING AMERICANS

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento has historically supported policies that prohibit discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation and disability and has been proclaimed the most "diverse and integrated" city in the United States.
- B. The United States is now home to some 11 million undocumented immigrants, including millions of children brought to this country who have grown up here and know no home other than the United States; a commonsense road map to citizenship for these residents would stimulate the economy by allowing them to open bank accounts, obtain college degrees, buy homes, establish new American companies, and create jobs.
- C. A strong and vibrant democracy cannot function unless all men and women, regardless of where they were born, can participate meaningfully in the political process with full rights and equal protections.
- D. A recent study published by the Cato Institute estimated that a complete overhaul of the immigration system would yield at least \$1.5 trillion in added U.S. gross domestic product over 10 years.
- E. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 4.6% of the County of Sacramento's population is undocumented; which means that more than 21,000 of these undocumented immigrants reside in the City of Sacramento.
- F. Creating a pathway to legal immigration allows those residents to earn higher wages and move into higher-paying occupations, and also encourages them to invest more in their own education, open bank accounts, buy homes, and start businesses.
- G. Providing a viable pathway to citizenship for the approximately 2.1 million undocumented youth in the U.S. would have a dramatic effect on these students, increasing their average future earnings while reducing the cost of criminal justice and social services to taxpayers.

- H. Lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Americans and undocumented immigrants face additional barriers in the immigration system requiring specific legislative solutions toward removing those barriers, including equal spousal and family sponsorship policies.
- I. The City of Sacramento is committed to working on the side of justice for all, along with our community partners, including businesses and civil rights and human rights organizations, to pass fundamental reform that encompasses these principles and strengthens our democracy.
- J. The City of Sacramento hereby respectfully urges the United States Congress to swiftly enact and fund comprehensive immigration reform that creates a commonsense road map to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented immigrants, including LGBT families and undocumented youth; promotes economic growth; and strengthens national security.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. That the City of Sacramento hereby respectfully urges the United States Congress to swiftly enact and fund comprehensive immigration reform that creates a commonsense roadmap to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented immigrants, including LGBT families and undocumented youth; promotes economic growth; and strengthens national security.
- Section 2. That the City of Sacramento will work with allies to promote comprehensive federal immigration reform and communicate this position to the President of the United States and California's Congressional delegation.
- Section 3. This Resolution supersedes Resolutions 2010-0693 and 2010-0346.

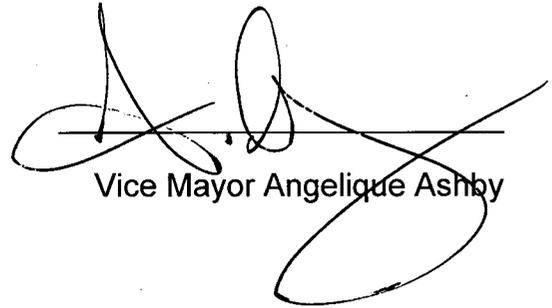
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on April 30, 2013 the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, Fong, Hansen, McCarty, Pannell,
Schenirer, Warren, and Mayor Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk